

## FAMOUS TEXANS *Celebrity Ball*

For this activity, you will be researching a famous Texan and portraying them at a *Celebrity Ball*. You will be responsible for creating a resume, a speech and business cards for your famous Texan to use at the ball. You and your partner will then attend the ball, where you will meet and greet other leaders as you learn about those who brought about change in Texas.

You may choose from any of the following Texan leaders:

- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Alan Shepard
- Henry B. Gonzáles
- Barbara Jordan
- James Farmer
- James Hogg
- Walter Cunningham
- Rick Perry
- Michael DeBakey
- Hector P. Garcia
- C. M. "Dad" Joiner
- George W. Bush
- George Bush (Sr.)
- Neil Armstrong
- Oveta Culp Hobby
- John Glenn

## ***Famous Texan Checklist***

### ***\_\_\_\_\_Step 1: Choose roles.***

The **actor** will role play the Famous Texan at the ball. The actor will be responsible for researching the celebrity. The actor will help to research and write the resume and speech. Actors should be prepared to explain your leader's accomplishments. Dress for the ball should be appropriate for your person and time period. Actor may be called upon at ball to give a speech about their famous Texan, so you must have a speech prepared.

The **press agent** will promote and help the actor with any historical information needed. The press agent also will help to research and write resume. The press agent will be responsible for making business cards for the ball. Dress for the ball should be appropriate for a press agent. Press agents should be available to help with back-up information if the actor falters. Help write speech for Celebrity Ball and be prepared to introduce the famous Texan if they are chosen to speak. The introduction should include general background information on the famous Texan.

### ***\_\_\_\_\_Step 2: Research your Famous Texan.***

You will find information in your textbook or the Handbook of Texas Online.

### ***\_\_\_\_\_Step 3: Write a rough draft of your resume and speech.***

Your resume will need the following information:

Name:	Birthplace and Date:
Work Experience:	Accomplishments:
Awards:	

The speech will need to emphasize why you are important and how you have affected change in Texas. It needs to contain 2-3 actual ***primary source quotes*** from your famous Texan. When you read your speech out loud, it needs to be 1-2 minutes in length.

### ***\_\_\_\_\_Step 4: Create business cards and type the final copy of the resume and speech.***

The business cards will need to include your Texan's name, 3 of the most important accomplishments, a symbol to represent your leader and an imaginary contact phone number.

### ***\_\_\_\_\_Step 5: Rehearse your speech.***

The speech will be given at Celebrity Ball. It needs to be an engaging summarization of the information in the resume.

### ***\_\_\_\_\_Step 6: Determine costumes and props to aid authenticity.***

The actor and press agent both will be graded on choice of costume and use of props.

## Celebrity Ball Autograph Sheet

**As you circulate around, meet & get autographs from at least 10 of the celebrities.**

1. I was the lunar module pilot for the flight of Apollo 7. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I was the 41<sup>st</sup> president of the United States. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I made a name for Hispanics as a U.S. Representative from San Antonio. \_\_\_\_\_
4. In 2003 I was elected mayor of the City of Houston. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I was a U.S. Representative and worked to end world hunger. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I was the 36<sup>th</sup> president of the U. S. and responsible for “The Great Society Program”. \_\_\_\_\_
7. I worked for civil rights and was one of the founders of C.O.R.E. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I changed from Democrat to Republican and was elected Senator from Texas in 1984. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I founded the American GI Forum to help veterans receive health and educational benefits. \_\_\_\_\_
10. I served as Lieutenant Governor and became governor of Texas in 2000. \_\_\_\_\_
11. I was the first president of Texas. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I was part of the Progressive Movement and served Texas as Attorney General and later as Governor. \_\_\_\_\_
13. I was the last president of Texas. \_\_\_\_\_
14. I was the first African American woman from a southern state to serve in the U. S. Congress. \_\_\_\_\_
15. I was the second president of Texas. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Director of the [Women's Army Auxiliary Corps](#). \_\_\_\_\_